

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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Introduction on:



ORDINANCE 2023-002 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2.20 ELECTIONS OF THE TOWNSEND MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, from time to time, there may not be enough candidates who file candidate solicitation packets for an election cycle; and

Mayor
Scott Lobdell

WHEREAS, Town Council may experience vacancies on Town Council in the event of a lack of candidates; and

Councilman
Edgar Dugan

WHEREAS, this may create a difficulty in effectiveness of a Town Council should there be numerous vacancies

Councilman
Joshua Mertz

Councilwoman
Eschalla Clarke

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein), that the following:

Councilwoman
Sheryl Rojas

Town Manager
Antonina Tantillo, MPA.

Section 1. Amend Chapter 2 of the Townsend Municipal Code by adding a new section to Section 2.20 Elections as follows:

Section 2.20.090 Vacancies

5.8.3 In the event that there are not enough candidates for the number of Town Council seats available, leaving a vacancy by the time of the Town Council Re-organization meeting in June of each year, the Town Council members whose term is up, creating the vacancy, shall remain in office until such a time when an appointment can be made. Appointments should not be delayed and must be done in an expeditious and time-sensitive manner.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective beginning with the 2024 election cycle.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Council members of the Town of Townsend on

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this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Introduction- 3/22/23 Town Council Workshop Meeting @ 5:45 pm

Public Hearing- 4/5/23 Town Council Public Hearing at 6:30 pm

Final Reading- 4/5/23 Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Adoption

Signed By

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Mayor

Town of Townsend, Delaware

SUMMARY

In the event that there are vacancies following an election, this will allow for sitting Councilmembers to remain in office until such time when an appointment can be made, ensuring appointments are done in a time-sensitive and expeditious manner.

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